--- CANADA TWIST ONLY - Division Open - Series of 1880-81 - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- lithographed in GREEN ink - 238 x 20 mm - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- inscribed NOT TO COVER MORE / **than 2 lbs. plus** *S. M. Return No. .....* **---**

Chris Ryan also reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter" of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department declared that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*.

The catalogue lists the 2 pound, green, Division Open CANADA TWIST ONLY strips as follows:

RT-61 - 2 pounds, green, perforated 12, Division Open, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls
RT-61a - 2 pounds, green, perforated 12, Division Open, on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - **WANTED!**

The collection ***does not*** contain a copy of the light blue 5 mm. control numbering - **WANTED!**

RT-61n - 2 pounds, green, perforated 12, Division Open, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - ***two copies***

The *unwatermarked* "TP" strips illustrated below all exhibit a horizontal mesh, and thus are from a later printing, and truly are *unwatermarked*. The collection *does not* contain a copy of the *control-numbered* strip **RP-61a**.

RT-61an - 2 pounds, green, perforated 12, Division Open, without control numbering
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove

RT-61an - 2 pounds, green, perforated 12, Division Open, without control numbering
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - stamped **CANCELLED** - a suspect stamping

The following strip is a remnant. It has probably been scissor-clipped from an unfinished *imperforate* sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

2 pounds, green, *imperforate*, Division Open, without control numbering
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove

--- RT-61 - 2 pounds - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm blue controls ---

RT-61 - 2 pounds, green, perforated 12, Division Open, control number **014444**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove, stamped **Ottawa** in August 1880,
S. M. Return No. *4*, signed by *J. W. Battle* in black ink

000001		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000006		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000010		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000012		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000021		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000023		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000041-44		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000049-50		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000045		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000046		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000226★	10/80	RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Manuscript *Three Rivers*, *7 / 80*, *Charles Durnford,* ***Collector***
001055★		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Missed the watermark at the bottom of the sheet
001232		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, *Sorel*, signed by *Anici Roy,* ***Collector***
014444★	08/80	RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, S. M. Return No. *4*, stamped Ottawa
014446	08/80	RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, S. M. Return No. *4*, stamped Ottawa
016022★		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
016024★		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
016042		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
017005		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
017012		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
017040		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
017058		RT-61	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

Some strips occur *unwatermarked*, but are lithographed on vertical mesh wove (e.g. **001055** listed above). These are *block watermarked* ***anomalies***, from the top or bottom of the sheet which missed the sheet *block watermark*.

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